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For: MICROORGANISMS THAT
EXTRACELLULARLY SECRETE
LIPIDS AND METHODS OF
PRODUCING LIPID AND LIPID
VESICLES ENCAPSULATING
LIPIDS USING SAID
MICROORGANISMS

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed on April 1, 2004 and the
Notice of Appeal filed on August 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent
application as follows: